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### Gross Encounters of The Pond Kind – Bloodsuckers of Fairfax County

Do mosquitoes and ticks make your skin crawl? Confront your fears and learn more about these bloodsucking creatures at Hidden Pond Nature Center on Friday, June 21, 2006, from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Meet local author Dray Cula, whose book, *The Midges of Madison County*, goes for the jugular with its descriptions of the blood-drinking animals of our region. Learn about head lice, black flies, ticks and more. Following the indoor discussion we'll venture outdoors to search for leeches at the pond. The program features live specimens, gross stories and the sharing of personal experiences with bloodsuckers!

This program is appropriate for children age six and up and the cost is \$5 per guest. Call 703 451-9588 for reservations. Refreshments will be served.

Hidden Pond Nature Center is located at 8511 Greeley Boulevard in Springfield.

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